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LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR FLAME RESISTANT COTTON
BATTING

DATE OF MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 1999
PLACE OF MEETING: CPSC HEADQUARTERS/ROOM 714
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COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

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NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

PHILLIP WAKELYN, NATIONAL COTTON COUNCIL
ALAN VINCENT, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL COTTON BATTING INSTITUTE
(NCBI) AND OF VINCENT MANUFACTURING CO.
KENNETH OLIVER, NCBI SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT OF JONES FIBER
PRODUCTS, INC.
RANDY LAYMON, ENGINEERING GROUP LEADER, UNDERWRITERS
LABORATORIES, INC.
FRED MIDDLETON, NCBI EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
JEN LEVINE, PRODUCT SAFETY LETTER
PAT MARTIN, INTERNATIONAL SLEEP PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Mr. Vincent gave the Commissioner a brief history of the work of the National Cotton Batting Institute. He stated that untreated cotton batting will flame and then smolder when ignited. He indicated that cotton batting treated with boric acid, however, will pass the UFAC padding and filling test, the CPSC mattress test and the California flammability test.

Mr. Oliver explained how the industry came to use boric acid as a flame retardant and the extensive testing that was done. He also spoke about how the industry worked with UFAC to develop a program to induce members of the cotton batting industry to use boric acid and to test the treatment properly.

Mr. Laymon described the random testing and inspection methods used by UL as part of their certification program for flame resistant cotton batting.

The Commissioner praised the industry for their efforts and thanked them for taking the time to describe their product and to explain the certification program.

